IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : HACKER et al.

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for increasing weed control

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FOR REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION WITH PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the 31 October 2008 Office Action, setting a three month term for reply. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 50-0320.